

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re the marriage of:

Petitioner (*person who started this case*):

And Respondent (*other spouse*):

No. _____

Response to Petition about a Marriage
(RSP)

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Use this form to respond to a Petition for Divorce, Petition for Legal Separation, or Petition to Invalidate (Annul) Marriage.

1. Your response

Look at each section of the *Petition*. Check below to say if you agree or disagree with what the other party said in each section, or say if you don't know because you don't have enough information. (If you disagree with any part of a section, check "I disagree."). List your reasons for disagreeing on page 2.

Section in the Petition	Your response (<i>check one</i>)		
1. Information about the parties	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
2. Information about the marriage	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
3. Jurisdiction over the spouses	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Request...	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
5. Name Change	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
6. Written Agreements	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
7. Real Property (land or home)	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
8. Personal Property (possessions, assets or business interests of any kind)	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
9. Debts	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
10. Spousal Support (maintenance/alimony)	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
11. Fees and Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
12. Protection Order	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know

Section in the Petition	Your response (<i>check one</i>)		
13. Restraining Order	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
14. Is one of the spouses pregnant?	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
15. Children of the marriage	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
15.a. Children's home/s	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
15.b. Other people with a legal right to spend time with a child	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
15.c. Other court cases involving a child	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
16. Jurisdiction over the children	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
17. Parenting Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
18. Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
19. Children from other relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
20. Other requests, if any	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know

If you checked "I Disagree" for any of the sections, list your reasons here:

Section #: ___ Reasons: _____

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If you need more space, you may add more pages to this Response. Number, date, and sign each page that you add.

2. Protection Order

Do you want the court to issue a Protection Order as part of the final orders in this case?

No (Skip to 3.)

Yes (You must file a Petition for Protection Order, form P 001. You may file your Petition for Protection Order using the same case number assigned to this case.)

Important! If you need protection **now**, ask the court clerk about getting a Temporary Protection Order.

There already is a Protection Order between my spouse and me.

Court that issued the order: _____

Case number: _____

Expiration date: _____

3. Restraining Order

Do you want the court to issue a Restraining Order as part of the final orders in this case?

No (Skip to 4.)

Yes (Check the type of orders you want):

Do not disturb – Order the Petitioner not to disturb my peace or the peace of any child listed in the *Petition*.

Stay away – Order the Petitioner not to go onto the grounds of or enter my home, workplace, vehicle, or school, and the daycare or school of any child listed in *Petition*.

Also, not knowingly to go or stay within _ feet of my home, workplace, vehicle, or school, or the daycare or school of any child listed in *Petition*.

Do not hurt or threaten – Order the Petitioner:

- Not to assault, harass, stalk, or molest me or any child listed in the *Petition*; **and**
- Not to use, try to use, or threaten to use physical force against me or the children that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury.

Warning! If the court makes this order, the court must consider if weapons restrictions are required by state law; federal law may also prohibit the Restrained Person from possessing firearms or ammunition.

- Prohibit weapons and order surrender** – Order the Petitioner:
- Not to access, possess, or obtain any firearms, other dangerous weapons, or concealed pistol licenses until the Order ends, **and**
 - To immediately surrender any firearms, other dangerous weapons, and any concealed pistol licenses that they possesses to (*check one*): the police chief or sheriff their lawyer other person (*name*): _____.
- Other restraining orders:** _____

Important! If you want a restraining order **now**, you must file a Motion for Temporary Family Law Order and Restraining Order (FL Divorce 223) or a Motion for Immediate Restraining Order (Ex Parte) (FL Divorce 221).

4. Requests

I ask the court to approve the following order about my marriage (*check one*):

- Final Divorce Order (Dissolution Decree). The marriage is irretrievably broken.*
- Final Legal Separation Order*
- Invalid Marriage Order (Annulment Decree)*
- Valid Marriage Order (Decree)*

I also ask the court to (*check all that apply*):

- change the Respondent's name to: _____
First *Middle* *Last*
- approve the separation contract.
- divide the property and debts as requested above (or fairly and equitably if no specific request is made).
- order reasonable spousal support as requested above (or fairly and equitably if no specific request is made).
- order payment of lawyer fees, other professional fees, and costs for this case.
- approve a *Protection Order*
- approve a *Restraining Order*
- approve Respondent's proposed *Parenting Plan*
- approve a *Child Support Order*, according to the Washington State Child Support Schedule
- other (*specify*): _____

Respondent fills out below:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (including any attachments) are true. I have attached (*number*): _____ pages.

Signed at (*city and state*): _____ Date: _____



Respondent signs here *Print name*

I agree to accept legal papers for this case at (*check one*):

my lawyer's address, listed below:

Email (*optional*) – Respondent agrees to accept service of legal papers for this case by email at this address: _____

the following address (*this does **not** have to be your home address*):

Street Address or PO Box *City* *State* *Zip*

*(If this address changes before the case ends, you **must** notify all parties and the court clerk in writing. You may use the Notice of Address Change form (FL All Family 120).)*

Important! You must fill out and file a *Confidential Information form (FL All Family 001)* with the court clerk.

Lawyer (if any) fills out below:



Lawyer signs here *Print name and WSBA No.* *Date*

Lawyer's address *City* *State* *Zip*

Email (*if applicable*): _____